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SUBJ: KHUKRIT GOVERNMENT WINS THE FIRST VOTE ON ITS LOCAL  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

1. THE LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT PASSED APRIL 24 THE FIRST  
READING OF THE KHUKRIT GOVERNMENT'S BILL TO ALLOCATE 2.5  
BILLION BAHT (US\$125 MILLION) TO CANTON (TAMBON) COUNCILS  
FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. THE VOTE WAS 151 IN FAVOR, 16  
AGAINST, 98 ABSTENTIONS, AND THREE ABSENT. PARLIAMENT WILL  
RECONVENE AT 1600 LOCAL TIME APRIL 24 TO DEBATE THE BILL IN ITS  
SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

2. COMMENT. THE GOVERNMENT HAS THUS SURVIVED ITS FIRST MAJOR  
TEST IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.  
MEMBERS HAD INDICATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT DISSOLVE  
PARLIAMENT AND CALL NEW ELECTIONS IF THE LOWER HOUSE DEFEATED  
THIS BILL. OPPOSITION PARTIES INCLUDING THE DEMOCRATS ABSTAINED  
BECAUSE THEY OBJECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S HASTY INTRODUCTION  
OF THE BILL, BUT DID NOT WANT TO VOTE AGAINST IT FOR FEAR OF  
ALIENATING VOTERS IN THE PROVINCES. THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE  
NO TROUBLE PASSING THE BILL IN ITS SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.  
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